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<u>Amendments to the Claims</u>: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

## 1.-7. Cancelled

8. (New) Sealing collar for a cylinder-and-piston unit, wherein the sealing collar is essentially received in a groove that is inserted into the cylinder or the piston, respectively, and the sealing collar comprises two sealing lips, the first sealing lip thereof being acted upon dynamically and making catch at the piston or the cylinder, respectively, while the second sealing lip thereof is acted upon statically and rests on a bottom of the groove,

wherein the sealing collar includes a circumferential extension that extends in parallel to the sealing lips, is arranged radially between the first sealing lip and the second sealing lip and projects from the sealing lips in an axial direction.

- (New) Sealing collar as claimed in claim 8,
  wherein the width of the groove is larger than the inside width of the sealing collar.
- 10. (New) Sealing collar as claimed in claim 8, wherein the second sealing lip is configured such that it can be passed over by pressure fluid flow and hence provides the effect of a valve.
- 11. (New) Sealing collar as claimed in claim 8, wherein the strength of the extension as a difference between its inside and outside diameters has at least the same rate as the strength of each of the sealing lips.
- 12. (New) Sealing collar as claimed in claim 8, wherein the end area at the free end of the extension is provided with radial apertures allowing pressure fluid to pass through in a radial direction.
- 13. (New) Sealing collar as claimed in claim 12, wherein the apertures are open in an axial direction towards the free end of the extension.
- 14. (New) Sealing collar as claimed in claim 8, wherein the extension is integrally connected to the sealing collar and is made of the same material.